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Attorneys (If Known)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff  
(For Diversity Cases Only) and One Box for Defendant)

1	U.S. Government Plaintiff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
2	U.S. Government Defendant	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

	PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF
Citizen of This State	1	1	Incorporated <i>or</i> Principal Place of Business In This State	4	4
Citizen of Another State	2	2	Incorporated <i>and</i> Principal Place of Business In Another State	5	5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	3	3	Foreign Nation	6	6

CONTRACT		TORTS		FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES		
110 Insurance	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC § 881	422 Appeal 28 USC § 158	375 False Claims Act			
120 Marine			310 Airplane	365 Personal Injury – Product Liability	423 Withdrawal 28 USC § 157	376 Qui Tam (31 USC § 3729(a))		
130 Miller Act			315 Airplane Product Liability	367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability	<b>LABOR</b>	<b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b>	400 State Reapportionment	
140 Negotiable Instrument			320 Assault, Libel & Slander	368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability			710 Fair Labor Standards Act	✗ 410 Antitrust
150 Recovery of Overpayment Of Veteran's Benefits			330 Federal Employers' Liability	<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>			720 Labor/Management Relations	430 Banks and Banking
151 Medicare Act			340 Marine				370 Other Fraud	740 Railway Labor Act
152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans)			345 Marine Product Liability		371 Truth in Lending	751 Family and Medical Leave Act	460 Deportation	
153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits			350 Motor Vehicle		380 Other Personal Property Damage	790 Other Labor Litigation	470 Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations	
160 Stockholders' Suits		355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	385 Property Damage Product Liability	791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act	480 Consumer Credit			
190 Other Contract		360 Other Personal Injury	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>	<b>IMMIGRATION</b>	<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>	485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act		
195 Contract Product Liability		362 Personal Injury -Medical Malpractice				462 Naturalization Application	861 HIA (1395ff)	490 Cable/Sat TV
196 Franchise		<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>		<b>HABEAS CORPUS</b>	465 Other Immigration Actions	862 Black Lung (923)	850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange	
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>					440 Other Civil Rights	463 Alien Detainee	863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	890 Other Statutory Actions
					441 Voting	510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	864 SSID Title XVI	891 Agricultural Acts
					442 Employment	530 General	865 RSI (405(g))	893 Environmental Matters
					443 Housing/Accommodations	535 Death Penalty	<b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b>	895 Freedom of Information Act
445 Amer. w/Disabilities–Employment	<b>OTHER</b>				870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)	896 Arbitration		
446 Amer. w/Disabilities–Other					871 IRS–Third Party 26 USC § 7609	899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision		
448 Education					540 Mandamus & Other			950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
210 Land Condemnation		550 Civil Rights						
220 Foreclosure	555 Prison Condition							
230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	560 Civil Detainee–Conditions of Confinement							
240 Torts to Land								
245 Tort Product Liability								
290 All Other Real Property								

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Original Proceeding	Removed from State Court	Remanded from Appellate Court	Reinstated or Reopened	Transferred from Another District ( <i>specify</i> )	Multidistrict Litigation—Transfer		Multidistrict Litigation—Direct File

### Price fixing of hotel room rental prices

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  
**JURY DEMAND:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

JUDGE Hon. Jeffrey S. White

DOCKET NUMBER 3:24-cv-02537

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

## ✕ SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND

**SAN JOSE**

## EUREKA-MCKINLEYVILLE

DATE 06/07/2024

**SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

s/Jason S. Hartley

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-CAND 44

**Authority For Civil Cover Sheet.** The JS-CAND 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved in its original form by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the Clerk of Court to initiate the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- I. a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the “defendant” is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section “(see attachment).”
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a), which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an “X” in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
  - (1) United States plaintiff. Jurisdiction based on 28 USC §§ 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
  - (2) United States defendant. When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an “X” in this box.
  - (3) Federal question. This refers to suits under 28 USC § 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
  - (4) Diversity of citizenship. This refers to suits under 28 USC § 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS-CAND 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an “X” in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerk(s) in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin.** Place an “X” in one of the six boxes.
  - (1) Original Proceedings. Cases originating in the United States district courts.
  - (2) Removed from State Court. Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 USC § 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
  - (3) Remanded from Appellate Court. Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
  - (4) Reinstated or Reopened. Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
  - (5) Transferred from Another District. For cases transferred under Title 28 USC § 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
  - (6) Multidistrict Litigation Transfer. Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 USC § 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.
  - (8) Multidistrict Litigation Direct File. Check this box when a multidistrict litigation case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket. Please note that there is no Origin Code 7. Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC § 553. Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an “X” in this box if you are filing a class action under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS-CAND 44 is used to identify related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.
- IX. Divisional Assignment.** If the Nature of Suit is under Property Rights or Prisoner Petitions or the matter is a Securities Class Action, leave this section blank. For all other cases, identify the divisional venue according to Civil Local Rule 3-2: “the county in which a substantial part of the events or omissions which give rise to the claim occurred or in which a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action is situated.”

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.